

REMARKS

A. Status of Claims

Claims 1-4 are pending and added claims 5-38 are pending as of the date of the present Preliminary Amendment.

B. Support for Changes Made to Claims

Support for the replacement of “the” with “an” in line 2 of claim 2 can be found at FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 56-63.

Support for the replacement of “the” with “an” in line 3 of claim 2 can be found at FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 56-63.

Support for the replacement of “the” with “a” in line 3 of claim 3 can be found at FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 28-47.

Support for new claim 5 can be found in FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 58-60.

Support for new claim 6 can be found in FIGS. 1-2 and Col. 2, lines 51-63.

Support for new claim 7 can be found in FIGS. 1-2 and Col. 2, lines 16-27 and Col. 2, line 48 to Col. 3, line 3.

Support for new claim 8 can be found in FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 56-58.

Support for new claim 9 can be found in FIGS. 1 and 2 and Col. 2, line 66 to Col. 3, line 3.

Support for new claim 10 can be found in FIGS. 1-2 and Col. 2, line 48 to Col. 3, line 3.

Support for new claim 11 can be found in FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 63-65.

Support for new claim 12 can be found in FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 56-65.

Support for new claim 13 can be found in FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 19-47.

Support for new claim 14 can be found in Col. 2, lines 34-35.

Support for new claim 15 can be found in FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 34-47.

Support for new claim 16 can be found in FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 34-47.

Support for new claim 17 can be found in FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 58-60.

Support for new claim 18 can be found in FIGS. 1-2 and Col. 2, lines 51-63.

Support for new claim 19 can be found in FIGS. 1-2 and Col. 2, lines 16-27
and Col. 2, line 48 to Col. 3, line 3.

Support for new claim 20 can be found in FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 56-58.

Support for new claim 21 can be found in FIGS. 1 and 2 and Col. 2, line 66 to
Col. 3, line 3.

Support for new claim 22 can be found in FIGS. 1-2 and Col. 2, line 48 to Col.
3, line 3.

Support for new claim 23 can be found in FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 63-65.

Support for new claim 24 can be found in FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 56-65.

Support for new claim 25 can be found in FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 19-47.

Support for new claim 26 can be found in Col. 2, lines 34-35.

Support for new claim 27 can be found in FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 34-47.

Support for new claim 28 can be found in FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 34-47.

Support for new claim 29 can be found in FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 58-60.

Support for new claim 30 can be found in FIGS. 1-2 and Col. 2, lines 51-63.

Support for new claim 31 can be found in FIGS. 1-2 and Col. 2, lines 16-27
and Col. 2, line 48 to Col. 3, line 3.

Support for new claim 32 can be found in FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 63-65.

Support for new claim 33 can be found in FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 56-65.

Support for new claim 34 can be found in FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 19-47.


Support for new claim 35 can be found in Col. 2, lines 34-35.

Support for new claim 36 can be found in FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 34-47.

Support for new claim 37 can be found in FIG. 1 and Col. 2, lines 34-47

Support for new claim 38 can be found in FIGS. 1-2 and Col. 2, lines 51-63.

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